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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT

1. IN ARTICLE APPEARING IN "THE OBSERVER" OF NOVEMBER 4, DAVID MARTIN, WRITING FROM ADDIS ABABA STATES THAT ETHIOPIAN-PLEAS FOR INTERNATIONAL FAMINE RELIEF WERE IGNORED FOR SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE FULL SCALE OF THE DISASTER BECAME APPARENT. ARTICLE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE EARLY ALERT BY IEG IN APRIL WHEN AN INTER-MINISTERIAL RELIEF COMMITTEE WAS SET UP AND FIRST APPEALS FOR HELP WENT OUT. MENTION IS MADE OF A LETTER DATED JUNE 6 FROM MITIKU JEMBERE, VICE MINISTER OF PLANNING, TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES IN NEW YORK SAYING THAT 1,875,000 PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED BY FAMINE. ACCORDING TO MARTIN, MAIN POINT OF THIS LETTER WAS TO APPEAL FOR ONE OF AMERICAN SHIPS LOADED WITH RELIEF GRAIN FOR YEMEN TO BE DIVERTED TO ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, MARTIN SAYS, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN YEMEN PROTESTED THAT HIS NEED WAS GREATER AND A USAID OFFICIAL IN ADDIS WROTE A LETTER TO THE INTER-MINISTER-IAL RELIEF COMMITTEE DATED JULY 2 STATING THAT BEFORE ADDITIONAL RELIEF COULD BE PROVIDED, ETHIOPIA MUST SHOW "A JUSTIFIED NEED FOR FOOD SUPPLIES ABOVE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED."
2. "OBSERVER" ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT OF THE 35,000 TONS
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OF GRAIN COMMITTED AFTER ETHIOPIA'S INITIAL APPEAL LAST

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APRIL BY THE U.S., CHINA, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND THE EEC, NOTHING HAS YET ARRIVED.
3. ARTICLE BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT (AF/E) AND ADDIS ABA.

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